FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Online Worship

Schaller, Iowa November 8, 2020 10:00 A. M.

Thirty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time Rev. Michael Sydnor

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Be pleased, O God, to deliver me.

People: Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you.

Leader: Let those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"

People: You are my help and my deliverer; O Lord, do not delay!

Leader: Let us worship God.

*HYMN "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Peter Kuo Music

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you have given us plenty of oil for our lamps. You give us fresh supplies of oil when we pray, when we read scriptures, and when we comfort others. Remind us of the sources of grace that you supply in other members of the church, in your Holy Spirit, and in worship so that we never fail to do your will. Then welcome us into the eternal marriage ceremony to which you have invited all of your servants. (Time of silent prayer) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

People:

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Old Testament: Amos 5:18-24

Woe to you who long for the day of the Lord! Why do you long for the day of the Lord? That day will be darkness, not light. It will be as though a man fled from a lion only to meet a bear, as though he entered his house and rested his hand on the wall only to have a snake bite him. Will not the day of the Lord be darkness, not light—pitch-dark, without a ray of brightness?

"I hate, I despise your religious festivals; your assemblies are a stench to me. Even though you bring me burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them. Though you bring choice fellowship offerings, I will have no regard for them. Away with the noise of your songs! I will not listen to the music of your harps. But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!

Leader:	The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson:

Matthew 25:1-13

"At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. "At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' "Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.' "'No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.' "But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. "Later the others also came. 'Lord, Lord,' they said, 'open the door for us!' "But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I don't know you.' "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDRENS TIME

SERMON "Are You Ready?"

APOSTLE'S CREED

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The Lord's Prayer

HYMN "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" United States Naval Academy

CHARGE

Be watchful, 1 Cor. 16: 13–14 stand firm in your faith, be courageous and strong. Let all that you do be done in love. Amen.

BENEDICTION

May the God of peace make you holy in every way and keep your whole being—spirit, soul, and body—free from every fault at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!